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Volunteers in the News

Somers Pepsi Workers Give Back to Community

Pepsi's Annual Gives Back Days place volunteers at several charitable organizations Wednesday and Thursday.

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The Somers-based Pepsi Beverages Company is holding its fourth annual Gives Back Days Wednesday and Thursday, when Pepsi employees will volunteer at more than 20 charitable organizations in Westchester and Putnam counties and Connecticut.

Joe Coussan, a spokesperson for PBC, said that approximately 500 employees will participate in various volunteer activities over the next two days.

Pepsi Beverages Company, the bottling division of PepsiCo, [renewed its lease at its Somers headquarters](#) in January, and Coussan said that has made this year's event even more pertinent.

Besides a reaffirmation of doing business in the area, Coussan said the Gives Back Days are part of PepsiCo's dedication to "Performance With a Purpose."

"The event is an articulation of our support for the communities in which we work and live," Coussan said.

Jeanne Wilcox, the spokeswoman for the [The Food Bank for Westchester](#), says the non-profit organization relies heavily on corporate volunteers to help repackage food for distribution to food pantries and other hunger-relief groups all over the county. She said the Food Bank works regularly with Pepsi volunteer groups.

"We buy or acquire much of our food in bulk quantities and repack for delivery," Wilcox said. "In order to accomplish that, it's a major feat."

Pepsi participates in the annual [Food Bank Olympics](#), where corporate teams compete against each other to repackage the most food.

Pepsi employees will be volunteering at the following organizations June 15 and 16. Click on the links to learn more about the organizations.

Somers

[USO Bike Build](#) - Bicycle assembly and distribution to military families

[Somers Manor](#) - Assisting Alzheimer's patients

[Only Make Believe](#) - Costume creation

[Muscoot Farm](#) - Exterior painting of barn

Mt. Kisco

[Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester](#) - Clearing a walking trail and picnic area, painting

Peekskill

[Oakside Elementary School](#) - Painting a teaching map of the USA

[Hillcrest Upper Elementary School](#) - Painting a teaching map of the USA

Pleasantville

[Hillside Food Outreach](#) - Repackage food in suitable quantities for distribution

Yonkers

[Leake and Watts](#) - Career exploration program with teens

Yorktown Heights

[Westchester Land Trust](#) - Bridge repairs and trail clean-up

Putnam

[Camp Combe YMCA](#) - Construction and gardening

[United Way of Westchester and Putnam](#) - Born Learning Trail installation

Millwood

[The Food Bank for Westchester](#) - Repackage food in suitable quantities for distribution

Connecticut

[Bartlett Arboreteum](#), Stamford - Bamboo perimeter and storage shed assembly

[Ability Beyond Disability](#), New Fairfield - Painting and lawn maintenance

[Childcare Learning Centers](#), Stamford - Assist teachers with math-related activities

[Interlude Inc.](#), Danbury - Paint residential facility

[United Way of Western Connecticut](#), Danbury - Born Learning Trail installation

[Audubon Center at Greenwich](#), Greenwich - Trail clean-up, planting, bird watching booth installation

[Kids in Crisis](#), Cos Cob - Assembling goody bags for Triathlon


[YMCA Central Connecticut Coast](#), Monroe - Summer camp preparation and painting


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